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LOK SABHA

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BAN ON USE OF SPRAYS ON FOOD PRODUCT AND GREEN VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the some companies are marketing Spray Adjuvant products for reducing surface tension of water for the purpose of spray and irrigation;

(b) if so, whether the Government has examined the side effects of the said product, on food products particularly green vegetables;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore;

(e) whether some tests were conducted on crops by some leading research centers;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to ban use of such sprays on vegetables?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(g): The Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 has granted registration to some pesticide formulations which contain various adjuvants including agents for reducing surface tension of water. Such registration is only granted after the Registration Committee is satisfied regarding their safety and efficacy to human beings and animals.